(b) the number of electronic exchanges sanctioned and are awaiting commissioning for want of either buildings or equipment, the details therof, category-wise; and

(c) the time by which the Government propose to start commissiong of these electronic exchanges?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 664 numbers.

(b) and (c). (i) Out of 664 sanctioned exchanges, 87 have already been upgraded to electronic exchanges during April to November 1991.

(ii) 525 nos. have been planned to be upgraded to electronic telephone exchanges during remaining period of the current financial year.

(iii) Remaining 52 nos are to await commissioning for want of both equipments and buildings. The commissioning of these exchanges is planned to be started during 1992-93.

Composition of Anti-Riot Force

2837. SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up an Antiriot force; and

(b) if so, the composition of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The question of setting up of a Force to deal with riots and riot-like situations is under consideration.

Complaint about Telephones Under Dibrugarh Telephone Exchange

2838. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Area Manager, Telecom, Dibrugarh has received in August/ September, 1991 any specific complaint about serious irregularities pertaining to telephones working from Dibrugarh Telephone Exchange;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Any specific complaint received is attended to promptly.

[*Translation*]

Celebration of Martyroom Day of Abdul Hamid as 'Shaheed Divas'

2839. SHRI VIAHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Abdul Hamid Memorial Society has sent a proposal to the Government to make arrangements for

transport, security and preparation of publicity material, highlighting the importance of national unity on the occasion of martyrdom day of Abdul Hamid to be celebrated as 'Shaheed Divas' in Khemkaran sector in Punjab;

(b) whether some ex-M.ps. and M.ps. have also made a request to the Government to cooperate in this programme;

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). A proposal in this regard had been received and the same had been sent to the Government of Punjab for taking suitable action in the matter.

[*English*]

Upgradation of Branch and sub-Post Offices in Kerala

2840. SHRI T.J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Government propose to upgrade some branch and sub-post offices in Kerala during 1991-92; and

(b) if so, the details therof, district-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Kalpetta sub post office in Wynad district has been upgraded into a Head Post Office on 1.11.1991. Kovalam extra departmental sub post office in Trivandrum district is proposed to be upgraded into departmental sub post office shortly during the current year.

Electrified Villages in Tamil Nadu

2841. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified during the Sixth and Seventh Plan period in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the number of villages electrified during the year 1990;

(c) the number of villages yet to be electrified; and

(d) the number of villages proposed to be electrified during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) According to the information furnished by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB), 150 and 113 villages were electrified during the Sixth and Seventh Plan respectively.

(b) During 1990-91, two villages were reportedly electrified in the State.

(c) As per available information, only 16 villages are yet to be electrified in the State, of which 9 villages are treated as uninhabited.

(d) Two villages are programmed for electrification in Tamil Nadu during the current year.